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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHOD FOR THE MICROBIOLOGICAL  
ISOMERISATION OF ALPHA-HYDROXY  
CARBOXYLIC ACIDS

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Examiner: Marx, Irene

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated February 9, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.